

# Wit and Humor.

## Absent-Minded Financier.

A new story about absent-mindedness is being told on a West Philadelphia man, and he is not a college professor, either, but an alert financier of large affairs, who is so absorbed in his business that similar stories have been told of him before.

His infirmity, indeed, is so well recognized that at his office, in a big Broad Street building, every sort of safeguard is taken, and he is a difficult person to see, except by appointment. On the occasion, however, he was not in his office, but at home, alone in the library, awaiting with some trepidation the course of events upstairs, where great things were happening. Despite his anxiety, however, his mind wandered and he fell to speculating as to how he should enlarge his business so as to make it fit the approaching amplification of his domestic establishment.

Just then there was a knock at the door. "Come in," said the financier. A maid capped nurse stuck her head around the edge of the door. "It's a boy, sir," she said. The financier raised himself. "Kindly ask him to state the nature of his business," he replied.—Philadelphia Record.

## A Catch.

The late Susan B. Anthony once attended a wedding in Rochester, and at the reception she said to the bridegroom: "If you want this marriage to be a happy one, you must be as kind and tender always as you are now. Never relax for a moment your attitude of loving solitude. Never relax it, though you find a hundred excuses for doing so."



## NOT NATURAL.

Mr. Lakewood: "I'm not satisfied with the portrait. The right side should be somewhat different." Artist: "What for?" Mr. Lakewood: "That's where I carry my pocketbook."

"Such excuses, believe me, are easy to find. I once knew a young couple whose marriage had not turned out as happily as it should have done. The wife said to the husband one evening: "Before we were married, dear, you were always giving me presents. Why do you never give me any now?" "My love," the husband replied, "did you ever hear of a fisherman giving bait to a fish he had caught?"—Exchange.

## More Than Likely.

John Kendrick Bangs, the humorist, was discussing in a New York club a case of plagiarism. "The man admitted that plagiarism was suspected of him," said Mr. Bangs, smiling. "He almost admitted it was proved." He reminded me of a Yonkers boy I used to know.

"This boy said to his chum one morning: "I hid under the parlor sofa last night to hear what young Sleigh would say to my sister." "What did he say?" the other boy asked. "He only talked religion and politics, and he kicked me about thirty times on the head." "He knew you were there, I guess," said the innocent boy. "I'm afraid he suspected it."—Minneapolis Tribune.

## A Midsummer Day's Dream.

O'Mermoid free, from the deep, cool sea Won't you stay ashore and change with me? Oh, come to the heat of the breathless street, And let me dive to your dim retreat— Though here, my dear, I fear, my dear, You'd find out ways amazing queer, With our landmaids cinched in corsets, plucked, Till even an eel had winced and flinched; And our landmen strangled in collars fanged To cut their necks where the things are angled— All jammed in flats like burrowing rats, And the open air left to birds and bats.

So, Mermoid, please, let us find the seas, Where you never awelter and never freeze, Where this mad July may frizzle by As in glaucous ooze we lazily lie, And tell the crabs they should ride in eels. And call the elegant flounder "Slabs!" And hear the tales of the travelled whales, And learn to what port the nautilus sails, And hourly swallow the ocean knell For good sailors drowned—"Hark!—Ding, dong, bell."

## Dinkey's Eppy Grams.

Der motto of der Heef Trust—"Fo der pure all dings vas pure! Truth vas mighty, but it ain't mighty enough to be popular. Rich people had troubles vich poor people can nefer eechey. Competition always vears rubber shoes and speaks mit a visher. It doand took too to make a quarrel mit der man dot is his own worst enemy. And it strange dot ve nefer hear of a bespecked husband flying der coop? A mean man echerally has a mean trick mit his money. Bometimes it vas more trouble to avoid trouble den it vas to let der trouble vask in und get you. It vas a strange ding, dot ven der world gifa a man der frosty face he stops outting too. If at first you doand succeed, ebery odder failure in der vork vill begin to talk about you. If at first you do succeed der failures vill talk about you anyway. D. DINKEY, (Copyright 1906, by American-Journal-Examiner.)

## Not to Be Taken Literally.

The schoolmaster opened the dirty-looking envelope, and smoothed out the crumpled sheet of paper. He browsed over it, and then he read the first word. "And dare to insult him thus—ie, a village schoolmaster? This is what he said: "Our ass, you are a man of no less—No mermoid there! This dopy ass"

Gives one midsummer fancies and dreams for fair!

—Wax Jones, in N. Y. American.

## English "As She Is Wrote."

Some delicious mistakes are made by some of the French-Canadian people in our New England cotton mill towns in their attempts to master English.

Last summer a great dealer in Somersworth, N. H., received a written order from one of his French customers, which read as follows:

"Plasse send  
"1 bag hole corn.  
"1 mix field.  
"5 pounds ailed."

The clerk, who has had many years' experience with these people, said at once: "Send him a bag of whole corn, a bag of mixed feed and five pounds of grass seed, or, as the French people put it, 'hay seed.'"

And he was right.  
At another time an order was received for a bag of corn "corn broke," and at still another an order for a bag of "corn not broke."—Boston Herald.

## The Sweet Girl Graduate.

Standing with reluctant feet  
Where the brook and river meet—  
Geel but ain't she just too sweet?  
How can such a daisy be  
Such a sturdy oak as she  
Thinks she is? She can't, but say,  
Don't let's give the thing away!  
Let her find it out herself.  
We are old and on the shelf,  
And have learned enough to know  
That the roses ought to grow  
Now for her, for all too soon  
She will learn that after June  
Comes December, and—  
If we say more we shall tell,  
Ain't she got a lovely gown?  
Pluffy as a white swan's down,  
Bits of color here and there,  
At her belt or in her hair;  
In her cheeks and in her eyes  
Pink of pence, blue of skies,  
Hear her reading from the stand;  
Ain't her essay simply grand?  
Standing with reluctant feet  
Where the brook and river meet,  
There's no sweetness quite so great  
As the sweet girl graduate,  
Is there?  
Now, really?—New York World.

## Obedient, but Indignant.

"Norah," said the literary woman, "I wish you would go down to the library and bring me 'Flavius Josephus.'"

The new girl left the room to execute the commission.

Presently a terrific noise was heard on the stairway, and Norah pushed the door open with her foot a moment later, dragging in by the collar a large and reluctant Newfoundland dog.

"Here he is, Mrs. Dinnis," she said, "but ye oughtn't to have sent me for 'im. It's a man's job."

"Bite me an' I had to fight 'im ivry fut o' the way!"—Chicago Tribune.

and I wish to enter my son in your school."

"Who was insinuating him? Who had dared to play a practical joke on him? Then the truth slowly dawned. He had received some queer letters from illiterate parents, but this was the strangest of all. With a fellow-master he translated it correctly like this:

"Sir—As you are a man of knowledge, I wish to enter my son in your school."

Answers.

## Her System.

Patient to Pretty Nurse—"Will you be my wife when I recover?"

Pretty Nurse—"Certainly."

Patient—"Then you love me?"

Pretty Nurse—"Oh, no! That's merely a part of the treatment. I must keep my patients cheerful; I promised this."

HER IDEAS.

Mrs. Parvane—Give me three pounds of tea.

Grocer—What kind, ma'am?

Mrs. Parvane—Some of this here "pink tea." I see so many of these "pink tea" that society people are using.

morning to run away with a married man who had lost both his legs."—Houseton Post.

Possibility of a Mistake.

As Senator Bailey approached, a yellow editor was observed to dodge.

"What are you scared about?" asked one who had observed. "He wouldn't notice you."

"Wouldn't, eh? Say, I've been mistaken for a mosquito before now!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Simple Rules for Hot Weather.

KEEP COOL.

Drink no liquids.

Eat nothing.

Avoid work.

Sleep in a cool place.

Don't worry. Your wife can do that.

KEEP COOL.

Live aboard your yacht as much as possible.

Pay no bills.

Don't try to stop an electric fan with your finger.

If you feel faint, faint.

Always sit in a strong breeze from the ocean.

Used food gasoline in your automobile.

KEEP COOL.

—Boston American.

## Mitigation.

The muck raker had just made an official call, and would not be denied.

"Well," said the cornered citizen, "I will own to being a self-made man and a millionaire, but by Jinks, I'm not from Pittsburgh."

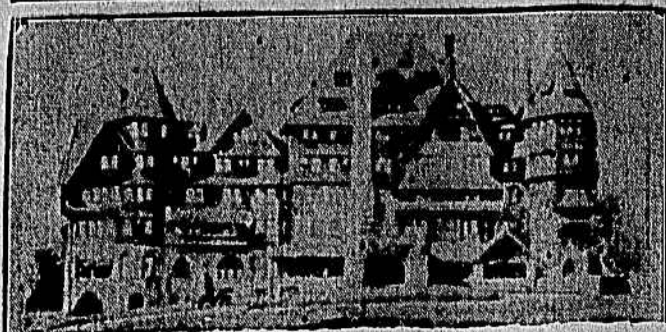
Thereupon the raker informed him that there would be nothing doing in the muck line.—Philadelphia Ledger.

## The Modern Qualifications.

Future Mother-in-Law—My daughter sings, plays the piano, paints, understands botany, zoology, English, German, Italian—in fact, is accomplished in every way. And you?

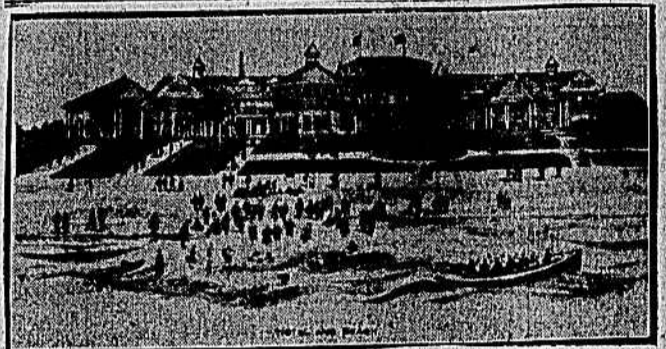
Prospective Son-in-Law—Well, in an emergency I suppose I could cook a little and mend the socks.—Pathfinder.

# Summer Outing Tours Hotels



## THE KENILWORTH INN.

This hotel is located in the centre of a private park of 160 acres, thirty of which form a beautiful open lawn, the balance being laid out in romantic walks and drives, while the wild mountain country around Blimore affords charming and picturesque drives, with excellent roads. The present is the Kenilworth's fourth season under the popular management of Mr. Edgar B. Moore, and is particularly noted for the excellence of its cuisine. The lucky ones to go here should have the vacation of their lives.



## PINE BEACH HOTEL.

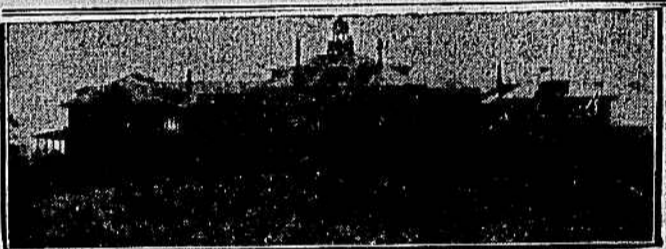
Pine Beach, Virginia. Facing Hampton Roads, Chesapeake Bay and Fortress Monroe. Lawn adjoins Jamestown Exposition Grounds. Twenty-five minutes by trolley from Norfolk, Va.

Virginia's newest, finest, healthiest, coolest resort hotel, complete in every detail of appointment and equipment. Every room an outside one; seventy-five with private bath. Unexcelled cuisine and service. American and European plans. Sea foods a specialty.

Salt water on three sides. Purest drinking water. Fine orchestra, tennis, bowling, golf, bathing, boating, fishing. Three thousand feet of private board-walk along shore. Write for booklet.

CHAS. H. CONSOLVO, Prop.

WILLIAM C. ROYER, Manager.

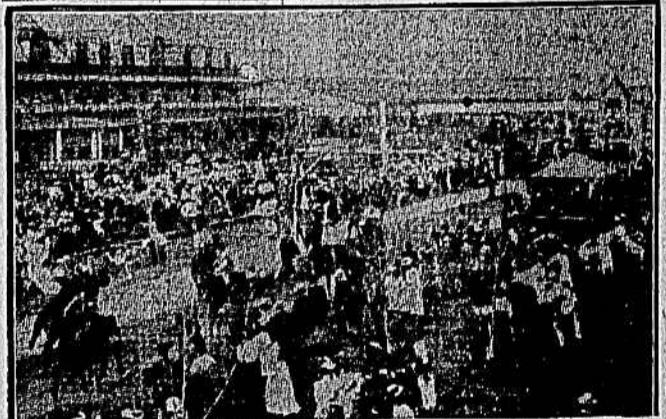


## THE MECKLENBURG, CHASE CITY, VA.

There is no more delightful or healthful section in the broad confines of the Old Dominion State, Virginia, than that of which Chase City is the centre.

It is here that the Mecklenburg Hotel is located. The buildings, which are entirely new and modern, and which were completed only in the early autumn of 1902, stand upon an elevated plateau, 535 feet above sea level.

The Mecklenburg Hotel will be under the personal direction of the lessee, Mr. W. T. Hughes, whose wide experience will make this one of the most delightful resorts in the State. An excellent orchestra has been engaged, and special attention will be given to the amusement feature of the hotel.



## BUCKROE BEACH.

Buckroe Beach is situated at the junction of the Chesapeake Bay and historic Hampton Roads. No resort on the coast is more ideally located for pleasure and health. The hotel, with accommodations for 250 guests, has all modern conveniences. Mr. Charles W. Rex is the manager of Buckroe Beach, and will personally see to the comfort of his guests. A cozy little theatre is on the grounds, and, with an orchestra, bowling alleys, dancing pavilion, etc., will prove a perfect Mecca of amusements.

Convenient to site of Jamestown Exposition. Fishing boats furnished free of charge to guests of the hotel. The bathing beach the finest on the coast. A delightful surf, an even temperature and the entire absence of all undertow make bathing here a delight and a luxury long to be remembered.



## MT. ELLIOTT SPRINGS HOTEL.

AUGUSTA COUNTY, VA.

The view is taken from the railway station, the star showing Elliott's Knob rising 4,750 feet above sea level. Fronting trips are made to the Knobs by parties from the hotel. There is no summer resort in the mountains of Virginia surpassing Mt. Elliott Springs for easy access, pure air, splendid views and healthy location. The temperature at this point is cooler than at any other place in Virginia. Within forty minutes ride of the city of Staunton, and within a few hours' ride of all eastern cities. Elevation at hotel, 2,350 feet.

Amusements are croquet, tennis, bowling alley and dancing. The ballroom and the double-tracked bowling alley are in separate buildings, apart from the hotel and cottages, which gives quiet to those seeking perfect rest, and giving to those seeking pleasure all that could be desired. The hotel has its own orchestra, hot and cold bathing, baths, sanitary plumbing, lighted by acetylene gas, and four meals daily, the post-office being in the hotel.

A land of beautiful lakes and verdant clad mountains. The most attractive resort in America. The country abounds in mountain peaks, water falls and beautiful streams. Lake Toxaway, the largest of the three lakes, has fifteen miles of shore line. On the shores of Lake Toxaway is Toxaway Inn, a large and beautiful hotel, with every convenience. Eight miles beyond is Lake Sapphire and Sapphire Inn. Two miles beyond Lake Sapphire is Lake Fairfield and Fairfield Inn. At Brevard, N. C., the gateway to the beautiful Sapphire country is The Franklin. On the summit of Mt. Toxaway, and overlooking Lake Toxaway, is the Lodge, 8,000 feet above sea level. The Toxaway estate consists of 25,000 acres, and this chain of hotels is owned and operated by the Toxaway Hotel Company, of which John C. Burrows is the president. There are over seventy-five miles of trout fishing streams on the estate, and the best of Mountain and California Rainbow Trout fishing. The attractions and amusements are many and varied. Many beautiful riding trails and drives wind over the estate, and horseback riding and driving are very popular. The row boat and launch on the lakes furnish pleasure and recreation to those who prefer the water and the fishing.



## THE BEAUTIFUL SAPPHIRE COUNTRY.

The Lake Region of the South.

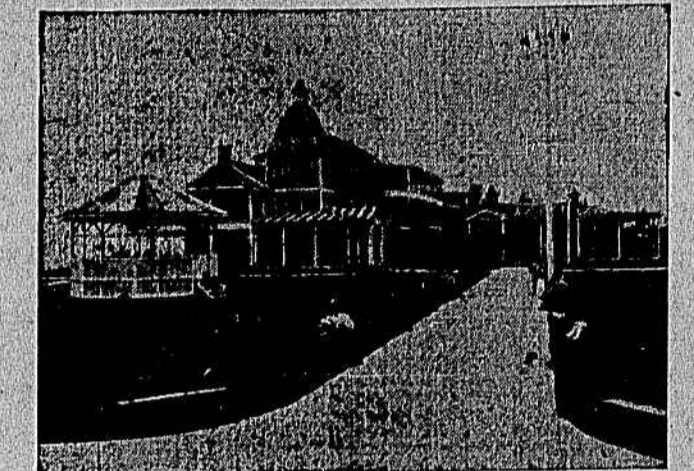
The Ocean View Hotel is known far and wide. Its situation on Chesapeake Bay, only about nine miles from Norfolk, is ideal. It is often referred to as the "Atlantic City of the South." The resort itself offers numerous attractions, the bathing being a prominent feature. An excellent band and orchestra give concerts every afternoon, and the orchestra furnishes music at night in the dancing pavilion.

Mr. Charles H. Consolvo is the manager, and his long experience fits him to cater in first-class style to every wish of the patrons of the hotel.

There is always something doing in the way of entertainment at Ocean View. The Casino, situated at the View, is one of the most complete summer theatres in the United States. It is conducted by the Wells Amusement Company, and is under the personal direction of Manager Otto Wells. The Tee-Dee visitors are given the entrance to all amusements free of cost by courtesy of the Wells Amusement Company.

Perhaps there cannot be found a more ideal place for rest and quiet enjoyment than Greenwood. Situated as it is among the wooded hills and fertile valleys in that happy region which lies above the heat of the lowlands and below the fogs of the highlands, there are few places more blessed, being 1,400 feet above sea level. Greenwood suffers little from hot days, and an uncomfortable night is a thing unknown. The grounds of the Greenwood House cover many acres, dotted over with fine old trees, beneath the shade of which one soon forgets the heat and dust of the city.

Under the direct management of Mr. Howard Williams, those who are looking for rest and quietness, after the turmoil of a busy life, will find what they desire, and return refreshed anew, ready for the battle of life.



## OCEAN VIEW HOTEL, OCEAN VIEW, VA.



## GREENWOOD HOUSE.

Wachapreague is on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and the hotel is one of the most comfortable and homelike to be found anywhere. Excellent surf bathing, launches, sail and row boats in plenty. Finest sort of fishing, inland and sea. Shady lawn, pleasant walks and drives. Free excursions to Cedar Island; in fact, everything that goes to supply rest and recreation are to be had at this splendid resort, along with many natural advantages not to be offered by more pretentious places. This hotel was in the Tee-Dee contest last year, and spoken of in the very highest terms by our guests. Wachapreague is under the management of Mr. A. H. G. Mears, Wachapreague, Va.



## WACHAPREAGUE, VA.

## THE INTERMONT HOTEL.

Covington, Va.



The beautiful mountain town of Covington is located in the center of a group of the most celebrated Virginia Health and Pleasure Resorts. On the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, it is in easy reach of the Virginia Hot Springs, the Healing, the Warm, the Greenbrier White, the Old Sweet, the Rockbridge Alum, Sweet Chalybeate, Natural Bridge, Millboro, and Goshen. Guests are at the same time in touch with Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Cincinnati and Louisville.

The Intermont Hotel is situated on an eminence overlooking the town of Covington. Inviting verandas are cooled by the plentiful shade trees and breezes, and the whole place possesses an air of restfulness. The hotel, under the management of Miss Emily Adams, is known to many resort-seekers, and the season of 1906 will enhance its popularity. The scenery, climate, drives and walks to be had by guests are entirely enjoyable.

1. A coupon cut from the paper is worth two votes.
2. Every cent collected for renewal subscriptions is worth one vote.
3. That every cent collected for new subscriptions is worth three votes.
4. That there are ten parties from the city of Richmond and ten parties resident in the State outside of Richmond to get the benefit of these free outing tours.

## Fire Insurance.

Richmond, Va., May 29, 1906.

Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va.

The Virginia State Insurance Company propose to furnish fire insurance, protection for the baggage and wearing apparel, such protection to be for the amount of the value of each individual's property, and to cover against destruction by fire while on any train, steamboat or in any hotel during the trip.

The limit of value to be \$500 for each party.

We will issue a regular policy on advice showing the names of the parties selected for the trips.

Yours very truly,

ROBT. LOCKY, Jr.,

Vice-Pres. and Secy.

## Baggage Transfer.

Richmond, Va., May 29, 1906.

The Times-Dispatch, City: Dear Sir—As a compliment to the successful contestants in the Tee-Dee Outing Contest, we propose to transport the baggage of each party from their residences to the train, and on their return from the train to their residences.

Yours truly,

RICHMOND TRANSFER CO.,

Per S. H. Bowman, Gen. Mgr.

## Accident Insurance.

Richmond, Va., May 28, 1906.

The Times-Dispatch, City: Gentlemen—As has been our yearly custom since your popular "T. D." outing contests have been in vogue, we beg to offer this year to each of the successful contestants an accident policy of \$500.00 in the Standard Life and Accident Insurance Company, of Detroit, Mich., for a period from the time of leaving the city to time of return.

Yours very truly,

BRANDER & CO., Inc.,

By B. A. Ruffin, Secretary, State Agents.